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FROM US REP ICAO

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, CA

SUBJ: ROME ICAO ASSEMBLY AND DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE - COUNCIL
COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL

REF: A) STATE 100319; B) MONTREAL 0458; C) MONTREAL 0465

1. UGANDAN REP HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO PURSUE MATTER IN ANY FORM, RESERVING POSITION FOR AUGUST MEETING. GOU CONSIDERS THAT COUNCIL CALLING OF MEETING IMPLIES "READINESS" OF DRAFTS. BELGIUM REP MAY OFFER SUBSTANTIAL OBSERVATIONS. U. S. REP DOES NOT ANTICIPATE EFFORT FROM ANY COUNCIL MEMBER TO SCUTTLE MEETINGS OR DRAFTS.

2. PRES/ COUNCIL HAS NO INDICATION OF NATURE OR EXTENT OF COMMENTS. THIS SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH HIM BY ANY COUNCIL MEMBER ALTHOUGH HE HAS MET WITH SEVERAL RECENTLY ON MAJOR ISSUES CURRENTLY BEFORE COUNCIL.

EXCEPT FOR VISIT TO US REP OF UK/ FRANCE REPS TRANSMITTING ADVANCE COPY REVISED ASSEMBLY DRAFT, NO COUNCIL MEMBER HAS YET
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MENTIONED SUBSTANCE OF ROME MEETINGS.

2. BACKGROUND: PRES/ COUNCIL FEELS UGANDAN PROPOSAL WAS
DESIGNED TO VOTE DOWN REPEAT VOTE DOWN READINESS OF AMENDMENTS
FOR ASSEMBLY; THAT IS, WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST OWN PROPOSAL.
US REP NOT INCLINED THIS OPINION. FOR EXAMPLE PARA 2 REFTEL
(C). ALTHOUGH PROPOSAL LIMITED TO ASSEMBLY DRAFTS, AS REPORTED
REFTELS VERBAL PRESENTATIONS DURING DISCUSSION INDICATED CONCERN
THAT ALL FOUR DRAFTS WERE LAST- MINUTE, THROWN TOGETHER PACKAGE-
DEAL COMING OUT OF LEGAL COMITE WHICH WERE NOT WORKED OVER
SUBSTANTIVELY BY THE COMITE, AND THEREFORE NOT " READY". MENTION
MADE OF DRAFT CONVENTION PROCEDURE WHICH REQUIRES LEGAL COMITE
DECLARE DRAFT CONVENTION " READY" WHICH IT DID. BUT LEGAL COMITE
CONSTITUTION (PARA 2(A)) INDICATES COMITE ADVISED COUNCIL
" ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE CONVENTION REFERRED
TO IT BY THE COUNCIL." SINCE COUNCIL NEVER REFERRED AN AMENDMENT
MATTER TO THE COMITE, SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS FELT COUNCIL HAD
SOME OBLIGATION TO LOOK AT MATERIAL BEFOE CALLING AN
EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY.
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